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pointed out a few moments ago to me that, for those of you that...that do itemize, the state tax apparently is a deductible expense from the federal tax, so it has some less impact on the taxpayer from that perspective because very few of us ever, ever keep track of what we pay for state income tax. I don't know whether those are selling points or just conversational topics, but the real truth of the matter is that I still believe that to spread the burden around is the more proper way to support the services of government...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...that are universally used by everyone. The more hands, the lighter the burden for everyone that's in the business. And so, from that perspective, I would support the reconsideration motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I'm supporting the reconsideration motion. Of course, I supported the fact that we could use the sales and income tax. Little over a year ago I sent out a questionnaire to my constituency in Dodge County and one of the...one of the subjects on that was the teachers' pay, and it was surprising to me that 82 percent of the people who responded favored a increase in the teachers' compensation, although I didn't have any...any funding source on that questionnaire so I can't...I couldn't derive anything out of that. So I'm...but I'm looking at...I'm looking at what I believe is the fairest way to raise revenues in this state, and those are actually the only means that the state has, is sales and income tax. So why...why is it wrong to use both of them? Why is it wrong not only to put the burden on the back of those people who purchase more items than those that make more money? Now I'm getting to the age, my wife and I are...we don't...we don't buy that many material things anymore, so our...our sales tax liability isn't as great as it was when our children were growing up. But my income tax is a little more. It's more now than it was when I had my kids, when you could use them as a deduction. And, of course, back when our kids were growing up our deduction was a lot less than what